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Frank Faraone

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August 1990

as told to Maxine Kortum Durney, at the 55th reunion of the Petaluma High School class of 1935.

Frank's parents were Frank Faraone, born in Sicily, (1891-1952) and Ottillie Rogers Huff, born in Petaluma, (1900-1988).

Frank's father stowed away at age 9, coming to America from Italy. He jumped ship in New Orleans. Later he and Frank's mother, Mary Rogers Faraone, worked on a dairy farm out at Inverness.

Still later they lived at 522 Cherry street, near Howard street, where they had a large building with a large icebox. Chickens were purchased alive from ranchers, and killed and dressed for the market. They were trucked to San Francisco and sold to poultry stores. Price was the prevailing rate as published in the newspaper.

"This was the way my father prepared a bird for the market: he hung the bird by a string with a large button on the bottom, which went around the leg of the bird. Then with a knife, he killed the bird, two thrusts, one through the roof of the mouth, the other through the eye. The effect was that the bird released its feathers, back and breast. It was a dry pick. After the cuts, the blood was captured in a little cup which hung by a hook from the roof of the mouth. We emptied the blood into a milk can, and sold it to a fertilizer plant in Petaluma.

"When they picked the chickens they put the tail and wing feathers in one barrel, the soft feathers I placed in gunny sacks. These were sold to pillow manufacturers in San Francisco.

"My father entered the chicken picking contest in 1922 at the fair at the Fairgrounds. He saw someone else start to get ahead of him. 'Then I spit out my cigarette, and won the contest', he told me.

"I was in the Egg Day Parade, in a coop, on the back of a flat bed truck, representing Pepper School."

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PLACE Class session 1990

DATE April 16 1994

Frank R. Faralone
(Interviewee)

Maxine Dwyer
(for the Petaluma Historical Museum)

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Family History Questionnaire

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>	<u>Deceased? Date</u>
<u>Parents*</u>	FRANK FARAGNE	ITALY		X 1891-1962
	OTTILIE ROGERS HUFF		PETALUMA	1900 X 1958
<u>Brothers & Sisters</u>	KATHERINE FIRAGNE POTTER	1891	PETALUMA	-
<u>Grand-parents*</u>	JOSEPH ROGERS		IRELAND	X 1867-1941
	REBECCA MCCURDY ROGERS		SCOTLAND	X 1870-1955
	SOPHIE MCCURDY		AUSTRALIA	1875-1945
<u>Spouse</u>	NORA LOOMIS RAY FIRAGNE	1892	CANADA	- -
<u>Children</u>	DONNA LEE FIRAGNE MYANHA	1925	CALIFORNIA	- -
<u>Grandchildren</u>	ANTHONY J. MYANHA		CALIFORNIA	- -

*Please include maiden name of mother and grandmothers.

THANK YOU!

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Narrator Personal Information Questionnaire

Name FARACNE FRANK ROSLYN —
Last First Middle (Maiden)

Address 7601 VALENTINE ST. OAKLAND CA 94605

Marital status: Married X Single — Divorced — Widowed —

Birthdate JULY 6, 1917 Birthplace PETALUMA CALIF

Length of residence in Petaluma (or Sonoma County) 18 YEARS

Education: Elementary school PETALUMA

Secondary school PETALUMA HIGH Grad YES

College LANEY JR. COLLEGE Grad YES

Other GOLDEN GATE BUSINESS

Occupation(s) or former occupations(s) EXEC. MANAGER - PHOTOGRAPHIC
Cannery Store

Travels JAPAN, CHINA, AUSTRALIA, EUROPE, ENGLAND, VIRGIN ISLANDS
New Zealand - Mexico

Organizations, clubs MASONS, SPORTS CAR CLUB, MODEL TRAIN CLUB
AMERICAN FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Other special interests MODEL RAILROADS,

Additional comments —

THANK YOU!